



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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Vibrations

Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, August 24th

Once again it's time to pack up the coolers, kids & charcoal, and catch up on all the news from another successful camping season at Owasippe with the OSA Annual Family Picnic on Sunday August 24th.

The location for the picnic is the perennial favorite site, Grove number 1 in the Theodore Stone Woods. Approximately 1/4 mile north of the Stevenson Expressway, the Theodore Stone Woods are located on 67th Street, just east of La Grange Road. This has been the site of many OSA picnics in the past and is very easy to get to from all directions.

The picnic will begin at 11:00 am and lasts until you want to call it a day. Bring a grill, some picnic food, cold drinks and plan to stay for the afternoon.

Children's games such as the Jell-O money

hunt, water balloon toss, and a piñata will be held with lots of prizes for all. Games for the adults & teens (horseshoes,



softball, volleyball, etc.) are on tap. Competitions in the past have included inter-camp rivalries; "new staff vs. the old timers", "guys against the girls", etc., and have all been a lot of fun.

So here is your opportunity to call up some of your old buds, get together a camp reunion or maybe just round up a former cabin partner and head on out to the Annual Picnic



Ron and Bridgette say meet me at the Annual Family Picnic

The Maintenance Buzz

Mike Drazba mentions that his staff is definitely outnumbered by the projects which surround them and would appreciate the help if anyone could volunteer a couple of days or a weekend.

The one for one weekend deal is still valid. For every weekend of volunteer work you put in at Owasippe, you can get a weekend of "playtime". They are especially in need of persons in building mechanical areas; HVAC, refrigeration, etc. Please call Mike at (616) 894-4061 if you can help or need further information.

The OSA on the NET

The OSA has a homepage on the Internet. The address is: <http://www.FoxValley.net/~vincer/>

This homepage features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. It also carries news about Owasippe, The CAC, as well as links of interest to OSA members. If you have access to the Internet, please check it out.

Steve Schaefer Memorial Fund

Past staff members are aware of the fact that it is often difficult to work at summer camp and attend college in the off season. The Schaefer Memorial Fund has been supplying extra funds to staff members that are also attending college. You could help the current OSR staff members with their college expenses by donating to:

The Schaefer Memorial Fund

c/o Bill Schaefer
6448 Newark Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60631

The fund was established in 1990 following the tragic death of former Owasippe staffman Steve Schaefer, in a fire at Southern Illinois University. Its purpose is to provide an additional stipend to help defray college expenses for staff members. All Owasippe staff members who are currently attending college are eligible to receive an award.

The fund is administered by three trustees; Bill Schaefer Jr., the OSR Camp Director (currently Bill Schaefer Sr.) and one appointee (currently John Brown, OSR Business Manager). The funds are held by the OSA and contributions are always welcome.

Fall Fix-it and Family Weekend

This years Fall Fix-it and Family weekend will be held on September 19, 20 and 21st. Work projects will focus on preparing Owasippe for the winter. In addition to the work projects, a full program of family events are also planned. The Reneker pool will be open (weather permitting). Accomodations will be in Camp Reneker with

some Gray Staff Village cabins available for families with infants and toddlers. Remember Reneker cabins are unheated so plan accordingly. Meals will be provided for workers and their families. To R.S.V.P. call Art Paull (773) 445-2016
Fax (773) 445-0205
E-mail: Apaullosa@aol.com

Owasippe Notes

by Pete Klaeser

The Crown High Adventure Base (CHAB) is beginning its first season. In the first three weeks, 3 troops have gone on 4 day treks. 2 treks were primarily backpacking and the other trek was all canoeing on the Pere Marquette. A total of 17 scouts and 7 leaders have taken part on the treks.

Blackhawk and Wolverine are running strong with slight population increases from last year. Carlen is showing the most dramatic increase from last year. For Weeks 2 & 3, Carlen has had 200 or more scouts and leaders each week. Overall, the numbers are increased 1.6% from last year.

Staffing is at the highest level in years with close to 190. The section camp directors are **Pat Monahan** at Blackhawk, **Ed Kinnerk** at Carlen, **John Adamowski** at Wolverine, **Marilyn Kulak** at

Reneker, **Tom McLean** with Discover Owasippe (Outpost), and **Jim Malebranche** with Crown High Adventure Base.

Owasippe has a new food service called Nutrition Services based out of Jackson Michigan. The food pre center underwent an off season facelift and now has a brand new vent system for the stoves and ovens as well as a new air exchanger for the building itself. In the first 3 periods the troop evaluations are saying the the food quality and quantity has improved. Evaluation forms are available at each meal for the troops to fill out and problems are corrected immediately.

OSA To Host Staff Reunion at Owasippe

Mark your calendar now to join the celebration at Owasippe this Labor day weekend, Friday August 29th through Monday September 1st 1997, as former staff members gather for a weekend of friendship and fellowship.

This is an open invitation to all former Owasippe staff members and their families from any year, the only limitation is that you must be 18 or accompanied by an adult. Parents will be directly responsible for their children and must accompany them to all activity areas. Troop leaders and their families are also welcome to renew friendships.

Reservations are being taken now for Reneker Family Camp cabins, staff row cabins and tent camping sites in Blackhawk and Wolverine. Cabin

spaces are very limited and will be filled on a first come basis. Hotel room packages at the Ramada Hotel in Whitehall and R.V camping sites at White River campground are available and are reserved in the OSA name.



Some program areas will be open for your use and a schedule will be available by mid-summer. A full summer camp experience packed into 3 days of fun and friendship. Program staff will be needed, so if you can spare a morning or afternoon, you can relive some of the glories of you days on summer camp staff and help keep

things safe and fun for all.

A Reservation Form, Fee Schedule and Activity Checkshhet are located on the following pages.

To assist in planning, please indicate if you are interested in participating or staffing these event areas. please check all that apply.

PARTICIPATE	EVENT AREA	STAFF
	ARCHERY RANGE	
	SHOOTING SPORTS	
	CANOE TRIP	
	HORSEBACK RIDING	
	HAY RIDE	
	CAMPFIRES	
	MOUNTAIN BIKES	
	SWIMMING AT RENEKER	
	SWIMMING AT WOLVERINE	
	BOATING AT WOLVERINE	
	FISHING TOURNAMENT	

I/we would be interested in food service for the following meals, if it was available.

# OF PEOPLE	MEAL	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	BREAKFAST				
	LUNCH				
	DINNER				

I/we would be interested in attending a specialty dinner (steak fry, pig roast, etc.)

TYPE OF EVENT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
STEAK FRY			
PIG ROAST			
other:			
other:			

FEE SCHEDULE

RENEKER CABINS <i>Sleep from 4-6. * 2BR some w/pullout sofa in LR</i>	AS AVAILABLE <i>Full Kitchen - Central bathroom facility</i>	\$25/NIGHT <i>No heat</i>
STAFF ROW CABINS " " " " " "	WOLVERINE BLACKHAWK RENEKER TENT CITY <i>Central bathroom facility</i>	\$7/NIGHT \$7/NIGHT \$7/NIGHT <i>No heat</i>
<i>Sleep 2 in bunks</i>		
TENT CAMPING SITES " " "	WOLVERINE BLACKHAWK <i>Central bathroom and shower facilities</i>	\$5/NIGHT \$5/NIGHT
<i>Wooded sites/ some on lake shore</i>		



OWASIPPE REUNION



RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

OF PEOPLE IN GROUP/FAMILY _____

I WANT TO RESERVE THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE FILL IN # DESIRED)

_____ Camp Reneker Cabin(s)
 _____ Blackhawk Staff Cabin(s) _____ Reneker Staff Cabin(s) _____ Wolverine Staff Cabin(s)
 _____ Blackhawk Tent Campsite(s) _____ Wolverine Campsite(s) _____ Tent City Cabin(s)

- Please enclose one nights fee as a deposit.
- Make checks payable to Owasippe Staff Association
- Mail To: Scott Weber 1066 Knapp Street NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

The Galloping Grapevine

Curt Cavnar recently checked in with the OSA via the Internet homepage. He is living in Hoffman Estates with his wife **Sue** and daughter **Kirsten** (15 mos old).

Curt is the Owner and President/Executive Producer of MindSight Business Communications Inc. They produce audiovisual productions custom-tailored to meet the needs of a diverse array of business interests. Curt has produced work for Baxter Healthcare, Amoco, AT&T, Telemation Productions, G.D. Searle, Allstate Insurance, Amoco, Arthur Andersen & Co., AT&T, Balcor/American Express, Nabisco, Hyatt Hotels, and McDonald's, to name a few.

Curt is also a frequent contributor to the Chicago Chapter ITVA Newsletter, Screen Magazine, Video Systems Magazine, and Windy City Scene Magazine. He is also a past president of the Chicago Chapter of the International Television and the recipient of a national ITVA service award for his work in tax reform related to the film and television industry.

In addition to publishing articles and teaching various international seminars on directing and freelance business operations he is also currently working on a children's TV series called "Camp Universe"

New Camping & Outdoor Committee Form-

The Chicago Area Council is revamping what was formerly known as the Camping Committee. This new committee will oversee the total outdoor program of the council. It will work in conjunction with the Hoover and Owasippe committees as well as the other outdoor programs of the Council. Currently the committee will be comprised of 6 committees that will include Order of the Arrow, Program, Promotion, Conservation, High Adventure, and Campmaster. The district Camping Chairs will also be part of this committee. This group is being organized by **Ron Gerlica**, the new Vice President of Camping and Outdoors. Ron is a life time volunteer scout leader who, within the last year, has joined our Council. He came from a very successful stay in the Simon Kenton Council in Columbus Ohio. Ron has served in many positions on the unit, district and council level. Ron is active in NESA and the Order of the Arrow. To fill all the positions on this new committee will be a challenge and applications are available from the camping center and the scout office. All applicants will be interviewed to make sure they meet the qualifications.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*I Hereby Submit My Request
to Register As A Member
and My Support of the
OSA's Purpose*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Service at Owaspippe:

YEAR	CAMP	POSITION

Scouting Background: _____

Employed By: _____

As a: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's

Name: _____

Children's Names &

Ages: _____

New Member \$15 _____

Renewal \$10 _____

Lifetime \$250 _____

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OFF SEASON USE AT OWASIPPE

Cabins are available for rent at Owaspippe for use by families and scout units during the off season. 15 Gray Staff Village cabins, 2 Lake Cabins, and the Health Lodge are available for groups up to 40 people. The Gray Staff Village cabins cost \$35 per night to rent. Also available will be linens and cooking utensils for rent.

Attractions include hiking, boating, fishing and hunting. Another possibility is horseback riding at Owaspippe. If you request it in advance, a local stable will bring the horses & gear to

Owaspippe for your trail ride. Or try a western weekend, groups of ten minimum can enjoy an entire weekend of camping & trail riding as well as a bonfire on Friday and a social on Saturday. Both these programs will be available for a very reasonable fee.

In addition to cabin rentals at Owaspippe, all scout units that want to tent camp can do so for free. Just call the Chicago Area Council Camp Center to make your reservations. (800) 530-9566.

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Winter - December 15



1997 Calendar of Events

Family Picnic	August 24th
Staff Reunion at Owasppe	August 29th - Sept. 1st
Fall Fix-it and Family Weekend	September 19, 20 & 21st
Christmas Party	December 7th